

in spite of the language difficulties; and experienced a pleasant time together with folk songs from Switzerland and the USA, a ham plate and some dancing. Visiting, the exchange of addresses and promises to visit one another all took place there. And everyone present sensed that blood is unquestionably thicker than water.

Another high point was the reception of the group in the Bern State House, where the American friends were presented a valuable book about Canton Bern by the State Chancellor.

A keepsake from Diemtig Canyon

was something the Swiss relatives wanted to give the Americans. Therefore Arnold Kunz, Oey; Fredi Kunz, Muensingen; and August Wiedmer, Ringoldingen, hastily initiated the special casting of a splendid bell at the foundry in Baerai in Emmental, which, hardly cooled, was then presented in behalf of the Swiss relatives to the leader of the group, George Kunz-Bills, at a small ceremony in the "Hirschen" in Oey. Arnold Wiedmer, the civil registrar, and Leli Kunz were also present at the ceremony. It is of course no wonder that the American cameras clicked and some furtive tears were wiped away on this occasion.

A Story without a Point ?

We believe that it is certainly a true story and indeed a very human one; something positive, as opposed to all the evil one has to read in a newspaper. If there could only be more such. -- It appears that a goodly number of Diemtig Canyon residents are now brushing up on their English, which could be interpreted as being an indication of their travel plans in the coming year.

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Caption under the accompanying photograph:

Here is an approximately hundred-year old photograph.

It shows, right, the emigrant, Johannes Kunz, born in 1823 at "Schwand" in Maeniggrund, died 1894 in Bern, Idaho (USA); left, his wife, Rosina Kunz nee Knutti, born 1823 at "Untere Schlunegg" in Schwenden in Diemtig Canyon, died 1890 in Bern (Idaho).